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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretaries
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From: R. Thomas Weimer *R. Thomas Weimer*
Assistant Secretary

Subject: 2007 Department of the Interior Environmental Achievement Awards -
Call for Nominations **(Response Due: June 8, 2007)**

I am pleased to invite nominations for the 2007 Department of the Interior Environmental Achievement Awards. These Awards recognize Departmental employees and teams as well as Departmental cooperators (contractors or outside partners) who have attained exceptional environmental achievements under Executive Order 13423 *Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management*, DOI Departmental Manual policy - *Compliance with Waste Management Requirements* (518 DM 2), and the DOI *Strategic Plan for Greening the Department of the Interior Through Waste Prevention, Recycling and Federal Acquisition*.

The DOI Awards categories mirror the categories of the White House Closing the Circle Awards administered by the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive with one exception. The DOI Awards include an additional category, Environmental Stewardship, which recognizes hazardous waste remediation accomplishments. Only DOI Award recipients and honorable mentions recommended by the award selection panel are eligible for the 2008 White House Closing the Circle Awards.

The DOI Environmental Achievement Award categories are:

- Waste / Pollution Prevention and Recycling
- Green Purchasing
- Environmental Management Systems
- Sustainable Design / Green Buildings
- Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation and
- Environmental Stewardship.

Bureau and Office Directors must submit nominations to Mr. Willie R. Taylor, Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance by **June 8, 2007**. Descriptions of the Award categories, nomination process, and evaluation criteria are included in the attachment. Questions may be addressed to Ms. Catherine Cesnik, Awards Coordinator, at 202-208-7554 or Catherine_Cesnik@ios.doi.gov.

Please visit the *Greening Interior* website, <http://www.doi.gov/greening/> to find an electronic copy of the attachment, view additional information about this and other environmental awards, and to locate the DOI Environmental Achievement Awards on-line nomination submission site.

I look forward to recognizing your outstanding Bureau and Office environmental programs and encourage you to submit nominations for the 2007 DOI Environmental Achievement Awards.

Attachment

cc: Deputy Secretary
Chief of Staff